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Opportunity to Comment & Notice of Proposed Action for the Bald Peak Mineral Exploration Project USDA Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Bridgeport Ranger District Bridgeport, California The Bridgeport Ranger District, is seeking input on the proposed Bald Peak Mineral Exploration Project (Plan of Operations #02-18-01). The agency's purpose and need is to respond to and authorize the proponent's submittal of a Plan of Operations, while minimizing adverse environmental impacts to surface resources (36 CFR 228.8, Subpart A). The decision for the Forest Service to make is whether to approve the Plan of Operations (POO) as submitted or to approve it with additional surface resource protection measures. The statutory right of the proponent, Radius Gold (US) Inc. to explore for mineral resources on federally administered lands is recognized in the General Mining Law of 1872. The proposed notice, action description, and other pertinent information for the project are available for review on the internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=55213>, or at the Bridgeport District office, 75694 S. Hwy 395, Bridgeport, CA. The proposed Bald Peak Project area is situated on the western flank and adjacent areas of Bald Peak, located within the western margin of the Aurora Mining District, Bodie Hills, Mineral County, Nevada. Radius Gold (US) Inc. proposes to drill from 11 constructed drill sites on Forest Service-administered lands. In order to reduce impacts to surface resources, the operator has proposed drilling utilizing a modular helicopter-portable core drill rig. The drill program will be fully helicopter-assisted; equipment delivery, drill moves, and crew changes will be achieved via helicopter. The proposed Project, including the 11 constructed drill sites and two staging areas, will create new ground surface disturbance totaling approximately 1.25 acres. No mining is proposed by this plan. No new constructed roads nor vehicular overland travel is proposed, nor will permanent structures be constructed on NFS lands. The proposed project is scheduled to be completed within one year of commencement of ground disturbance. Reclamation will be completed to the standards listed in 36 CFR 228.8(g). How to Comment and Timeframe Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. This project is not authorized under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA); however it is subject to the Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process under 36 CFR 218 Subparts (A) and (B). It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection under 36 CFR 218. Written, hand-delivered, faxed and electronic email comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Reno Gazette Journal (Newspaper of Record). The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. Written comments must be submitted to Ms. Jan Cutts, Bridgeport District Ranger, Bridgeport Ranger District, HC 62 Box 1000, Bridgeport, CA 93517; or you may hand-deliver your comments during normal business hour to the physical address of 75694 S Hwy 395, Bridgeport, CA from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. E-mail comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to District Ranger, Jan Cutts, at jcutts@fs.fed.us. Please put "Bald Peak" in the subject line. Comments may be faxed to: 760-932-5899. For objection eligibility each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. In cases where

no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this Project and will be available for public inspection and will be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act. For additional information regarding this project, please contact David E. Risley, District Geologist, at david.risley@usda.gov or at 760-932-5821 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00-12, and 1- 4:30). No 3404843 Feb. 28, 2019

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